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AGENDA

The agenda of the fifty-third session, as adopted by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights at its 8th meeting, on 3 August 2001, is reproduced below. The material in parenthesis is principally based upon the issues raised by Sub-Commission members at the fifty-third session, the indicative subheadings in the annotated agenda (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2001/1/Add.1) and other matters considered by the Sub-Commission at its recent sessions. This material is intended to provide a guide to the substantive issues expected to be discussed under each of the seven agenda items.

1. **Organization of work.**

   (Election of officers; Adoption of the agenda; Methods of work; Documentation)

2. **Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation, in all countries, including colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).**

3. **Administration of justice.**

   (Discrimination in the administration of justice; Sessional working group on the administration of justice; Question of human rights and states of emergency; The death penalty in relation to juvenile offenders; Question of enforced disappearances)

4. **Economic, social and cultural rights.**

(The relationship between the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights and the right to development, and the working methods and activities of transnational corporations; Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights; The realization of the right to development; The Social Forum; Intellectual property rights and human rights; Promotion of the realization of the right to drinking water and sanitation; Optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Adverse consequences of economic sanctions)

5. **Prevention of discrimination:**

(a) **Racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia;**

(The concept and practice of affirmative action; World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance; The rights of non-citizens; Discrimination based on work and descent; Situation of migrant workers)

(b) **Prevention of discrimination and protection of indigenous peoples;**

(Working Group on Indigenous Populations; International Decade of the World's Indigenous People; Indigenous peoples and their relationship to land; Protection of the heritage of indigenous people; Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations)

(c) **Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.**

(Working Group on Minorities; The human rights problems and protection of the Roma)

6. **Other human rights issues:**

(a) **Women and human rights;**

(Traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child; Situation of women and girls in the territories controlled by Afghan armed groups)

(b) **Contemporary forms of slavery;**

(Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery; United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery)

(c) Other issues.

(The right to seek and enjoy asylum; Detention of asylum-seekers; Smuggling and trafficking in persons and the protection of their human rights; The right of return of displaced persons; Promotion of dialogue on human rights issues; Observance of the human rights and fundamental freedoms contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by States which are not parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights; Reservations to human rights treaties; Continuing obligations under international human rights instruments; Human rights and human responsibilities; Terrorism and human rights; Promotion and consolidation of democracy; State cooperation with United Nations human rights mechanisms; The adverse effects on human rights of the proliferation and transfer of small arms and light weapons; Systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices; Human rights and population displacements; Human rights and disability; Human rights and scientific and technological developments; Transfer of arms and illicit trafficking in arms; Religious intolerance)

7. **Draft provisional agenda and adoption of the report:**

(a) Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Sub-Commission;

(b) Adoption of the report on the fifty-third session.